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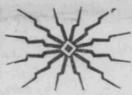
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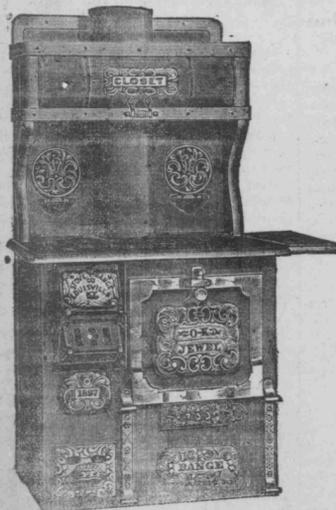
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Kentucky Press Excursion.

Never in the history of the K. P. A. has its members had an opportunity to enjoy as delightful a trip as that from which they have just returned. The entire trip occupied fifteen days, and there was not a dull moment from the start to the finish. It was the most extensive trip the Association has ever taken, covering over 5,000 miles, and embracing a territory which was comparatively new to most of the participants. The far west was to them a new and undiscovered country, but they returned home impressed with the fact that all of the wonderful stories which they had read of this magic country were true and that the half had not been told.

On August 1st the Association met at Madisonville, Ky., and spent two days in sight seeing and business. On the second day of the meeting an election of officers for the ensuing year was held with the following result, all of them being elected unanimously: Harry McCarthy, of Nicholasville, was elected President, Thomas G. Watkins, of the Courier-Journal, Vice President, and Robert E. Morningstar, of Bowling Green, re-elected Secretary.

After the business session was over, upon invitation a visit was made to the thriving city of Earlington, where the Association was royally entertained by the citizens headed by Mayor Burr. A splendid barbecue was served.

At 9 o'clock of the following day the long trip of five thousand miles to Salt Lake City and return was commenced. There were one hundred and ten members in the party, and they were comfortably provided for in three Pullman sleepers. At 6 o'clock the next morning St. Louis was reached and the first schedule stop made. Here they were the guests of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and were entertained with a breakfast at the Cottage in Forrest Park, which is the site selected for the World's Fair. One of the committee of Entertainment was Mr. Breckinridge Jones, a former Kentuckian and President of the Kentucky Society of St. Louis. Gov. Francis, of Missouri, made an address of welcome, which was followed by one from Mr. Jones.

Leaving St. Louis over the Missouri Pacific, the party made stops for meals only at Jefferson City, Kansas City and Horace, Kansas, until Pueblo, Col., was reached. Here the real enjoyment of the trip began. After travelling through the hot and drought stricken country, it was a treat which was enjoyed to leave the cars at Pueblo and take great long breaths of the cool and delightful atmosphere. There was such a sudden and remarkable change in the temperature that several of the party were compelled to don light over coats. Several pleasant hours were spent here in sight seeing by visiting the large smelters, the mineral palace and various other points of interest.

The next important stop after leaving Pueblo was Colorado Springs, and next to Salt Lake City this proved to be the most enjoyable point of the entire trip. It is one of the most famous health resorts of the country and thousands of persons are there building up shattered constitutions and taking on a new lease of life. It is a very busy and thriving city, and contains among its inhabitants several millionaires. It was here we had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Father Burke and S. B. Rogers, both of Paris, and hearing from their lips how they are regaining their health and relating the wonders of that remarkable country. Father Burke expects to leave for his Kentucky home about the first of September. The Paris members of the party were greeted by these two Parisians in a manner which can only be understood by those who have lived in a far off section of the country for months and have seen in all that time no familiar face from their beloved home. It was with tear dimmed eye and choked voice that they reluctantly said good bye.

The morning following the arrival at Colorado Springs was spent by a drive to the Garden of the Gods and then the ascent to Pike's Peak was made. No tongue can tell no pen indict the grandeur of this trip to the peak and the view to be seen from the summit. While the friends at home were suffering the discomforts of the excessive heat our party were reveling in the delights of a genuine snow storm. Although the summit is 14,147 feet above the level of the sea, but very little discomfort was felt by the party; one of the male members fainted but was soon revived, and some of the ladies were slightly affected.

Returning to the Springs, the party were royally entertained in the evening at the famous Antlers Hotel with a banquet by the Louisville Interstate Fair Association. This was one of the most enjoyable events of the entire trip. At midnight the party left over the world renowned scenic route the Denver & Rio Grande road for Salt Lake City. This route can truthfully be called Nature's road, for it is sublime and grand beyond the power of description. The trip through the royal gorge, where on either side of the road the giant rocks extend vertically to a height of three hundred feet, the railroad being built into the side of the mountains and the Arkansas river goes thundering on its course directly beneath the cars. The Black Canyon, Marshall Pass and Tennessee Pass are also as equally as interesting points.

After passing over the Great Divide

Grand Junction on the Gunnison River was the next stop. Here also the citizens did all in their power to extend a hearty welcome to the excursionists, and not withstanding a heavy rain was falling they met them with carriages and every point of interest in the city and surrounding country was visited.

About thirty miles outside of Salt Lake City the party was met by a delegation of citizens and presented the freedom of the city. Notwithstanding the many courtesies extended at every place along the route Salt Lake City certainly exceeded them all in the manner in which she entertained her guests. Mr. D. P. Felt, President of the Utah Press Association headed the welcoming party, and during the entire stay he was indefatigable in his efforts to make the stay a pleasant one, and it was the unanimous vote of the party that he succeeded.

There was not a member of the party who was not most agreeably surprised. A certain amount of prejudice existed among them, against the Mormons occasioned by reading articles written by persons who had never visited their country and who knew nothing of their habits or customs.

Indeed, some of the party rather expected to meet half civilized people wearing the skins of beasts and roosting in the trees. There is not a more beautiful or thriving city in this country than Salt Lake City nor a more hospitable, energetic or law abiding people. A very elaborate program had been arranged and it was carried out to the letter, embracing hot sulphur baths, a visit to the Salt Palace, where a very delightful program had been arranged, reception at the Bee Hive, the home of President Snow head of the Mormon Church, who very obligingly had his picture taken for the guests, the first time he was ever photographed in public; an organ recital in the Mormon Tabernacle; a swim in the Great Salt Lake where numerous very ludicrous incidents happened. It seemed as though the entire population of the city was a committee of one to entertain the guests, and when the parting time came there was not a member of the party who would not willingly have extended the stay to several months. Three days were spent here which constituted the end of the trip, and then the start home was made.

On the return trip the party arrived at Denver on Saturday night, and Sunday was spent in sight seeing by trolley rides. The next point of interest was Cripple Creek, the town which grew up in a night, but which now is one of the richest gold mining districts in the world. This being new to most of the party it was enjoyed with more interest than probably any other points of the trip. A committee took the party by hand and escorted them to Victor, another mining town, and every point of interest was pointed out and thoroughly explained.

After leaving Cripple Creek, the trip home was without further interest. Various stops were made, but only for meals, and not of any lengthy duration. The trip was made over five railroads—the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis, the Louisville & Nashville, the Missouri Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande, and the Denver & Rio Grande Western. George Garrett of the Henderson Route, and R. T. G. Matthew, of the Missouri Pacific, accompanied the party the whole way and gave invaluable attention.

Several of the party including Judge Wyatt, of Ewing; Misses Lee and Simms of Flemingsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Preston, of Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Swift Champ, of Paris, extended the trip to the Mammoth Cave, where they were very hospitably entertained by the popular proprietor of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. After making both the long and short routes through the cave the party returned home, thoroughly tired out, but delighted with what had been one of the most delightful jaunts it was possible to make. Mr. J. H. Ringgold, of the L. & N. railroad, was complimented with a very handsome present as a recognition of the many courtesies and favors he had extended to the members of the Kentucky Press in the past. Secretary Morningstar, of the K. P. A., was also remembered with a handsome Knight Templar charm.

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